

Tuesday Morning, Dec. 14, 1869.

Immigration.

On a passage occurs in our last San Francisco letter, deserving of special attention:

'Many contemplate settling down and cultivating the soil, but good land in California is becoming dear and they are naturally beginning to look elsewhere for places to settle down upon and build their homes. Now, many of these men are comparatively poor; having but a few hundred dollars, they naturally want to make the most of it. Some are talking of going to British Columbia, but the expense of going, the bad reports circulated by the press of California, and the uncertainty of getting cheap land, deter many from going. In my mind, these are the kind of men wanted in British Columbia. Industrious and loyal—for having seen the elephant in California, they will not be likely to sign petitions for annexation, as I see forty of your so-called citizens have done.'

Here is a subject which demands the earnest attention of both government and people. Although not new, it is none the less important on that account. During the last session of the Legislative Council the following resolution was passed: 'That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, recommending the immediate establishment at San Francisco of an Emigration Agency for the purpose of affording information respecting the colony, and the best means of reaching it.' Had the recommendation contained in that resolution received proper attention from the Executive, the ignorance about this colony alluded to by our correspondent would now exist. We are perfectly aware that in order to be productive of any large amount of practical benefit, such an agency must not stand wholly alone. The information which might be circulated in this way respecting the country would be satisfactory enough, provided we had in active operation a system whereby every bona fide settler would be entitled to a free homestead; but any information which could now be afforded respecting the means of getting there would scarcely be satisfactory.

The conviction is daily gaining strength that, with the establishment of facile communication between this colony and San Francisco, and the establishment in the latter place of a good Emigration agency, population, and that, too, of the right sort, would flow in as quickly as we are prepared to receive it. Even now there are several thousands in that country who, with such facilities, would find their way here, and would make good settlers; but with the large immigration scheme now on foot in California, we should have the sure and certain prospect of quite as many as we could well accommodate. Surely, then, it becomes a consideration of the very first importance that such agency should be provided, and that without longer delay. This question is even of greater immediate importance to us than Confederation; but if Confederation will supply us with the more ready and effective means of establishing cheap, safe and frequent communication with San Francisco, then Confederation must derive greatly increased importance from that circumstance. And who can doubt that it will? Let us apply the test. Let the immediate establishment of such communication be put forward as a first condition, and we have no fear as to the result. Let us get this, and we may reasonably look for the early return of a goodly measure of prosperity. Now, we earnestly invite both Government and people to give this important subject serious consideration. It will not, we feel assured, be necessary for us to dwell upon the importance of obtaining an early accession to our miserably decimated population. Every one must feel that. How shall it be accomplished? That is the question of questions. We venture to think the true answer is to be found in the scheme we have pointed out. If a better can be propounded, let us have it, by all means. In these cursory remarks we have not the slightest intention of ignoring the well grounded theory that it is to overland communication we must look for the means of peopling this vast territory. But we cannot afford to wait for that. It is as a means of present benefit that we regard the establishment of good and cheap steam communication with the nearest and most accessible centre of population as indispensable.

Cariboo News.

We have the *Sentinel* to the 27th ultimo, brought by Barnard's Express. The quartz mill has arrived at William Creek and will soon stamp.... Pine Creek, formerly Nigger Gulch, is attracting some attention, very good prospects having been obtained upon it.... From April 1st to Nov 11th the Combs claim on Stout gulch paid a net profit of \$41,592 divided among three lucky miners named Adair, Combs and Brown. And it still pays.... The reports from Stout, Conklin, Lowbe and Beggs gulches, and Harvey and Keithley creeks are uniformly good.... A stable owned by W Dixon was destroyed by fire on the 17th Nov. The united efforts of the Fire Brigade and the snow saved the town.... J. Tracey recovered \$50 from R. Brown in a suit for damages. Tracey had abused a 'layde layre' and Brown, in the role of an avenger, punched him.... There is a plentiful supply of snow and frost at Cariboo; but many of the tunnels and deep shaft claims are being worked.

SUPREME COURT.—In Chambers—*Craig v. Heisterman and Smith*—Motion to discuss a bill filed to restrain defendants from selling or otherwise disposing of certain shares in the Baynes Sound Coal Mining Company. The bill was yesterday dismissed with costs. Mr. McCreight, instructed by Mr. Aikman, for plaintiff; Mr. Robertson, instructed by Mr. Bishop, for defendants.... *Tillinghast vs. Reinhart, et al*—The Chief Justice on the hearing of an application in this action to set aside a judgment which had been signed for want of a plea after a summons for leave to plead several matters had been served, but before the time at which the summons was made returnable set aside the judgment and stated that he for the guidance of practitioners now made an order that a summons should in all cases operate as a stay and proceedings from the time of service until heard and that all summonses should be made returnable at 10 o'clock on the day after they were signed.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer *Enterprise* arrived from New Westminster at 3 1/2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, bringing about 40 passengers and a Cariboo express Connection between Westminster and Yale is maintained with canoes.... The Indian Charley, for murdering Mountaineer Perry, was hanged at New Westminster on Saturday. He made a speech on the gallows, saying in effect that the white man's laws were very unequal, for had justice been done many more of his tribe would be hanged with him for similar crimes. He did not think he had done wrong, and died bravely.... The gale was severe at New Westminster. S W Herring's boat was blown ashore and became a wreck, and Holbrook & Fisher's wharf was blown to pieces.... An election for two Councilors was held at New Westminster yesterday.... The *Enterprise* flour mill has been closed to await the reception of wheat from the farmers.

The finances of the Province of Ontario appear to be in a most flourishing condition. The whole income for the year 1868 is stated at a little over two millions and a half, of which more than half was received as subsidy from the Dominion Government. For the present year it is expected that the receipts will be largely in excess of those of last year. Out of the revenue of 1868, \$850,000 were invested in Dominion stock and debentures, and only one half of the actual receipts were required for necessary expenditures.

The County Courts.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST:—Now that the times are approaching for the meeting of the Council, I think it necessary to bring up the County Court grievance, a subject intimately connected with the amendment of our Judiciary.

Why should suitors be compelled to bring their cases before a notoriously incompetent tribunal when our Supreme Court is rusting for want of work? Surely, when the jurisdiction of these Courts extend to \$500, the people are entitled to have the services of competent Judges; but here in the capital we have to suffer under the arbitrary decisions of a gentleman who, although perhaps competent to deal with the criminal classes as a Magistrate, from a want of knowledge of real property, law contracts, evidence, *et id genus omne*, is unable to adjudicate satisfactorily in civil cases. The remedy for the extraordinary decisions which emanate from that Court is one which litigants are unwilling to avail themselves of on account of the expense and delay involved. When these Courts were presided over by the Chief Justice the greatest satisfaction was given, speedy justice was obtained and the time of litigants and professional men was not frittered away as it is now.

If the Government consider it inconsistent with the duties of the Supreme Court to impose upon it the duties of the County Court Judge, then let us have men endowed with some knowledge of civil law.

Your obedient servant,
VOX POPULI.

Public Meeting at Lytton.

Owing to temporary disturbance in connection with the interior the report of proceedings at a public meeting held at Lytton on the 25th ult. only reached us on Sunday; but inasmuch as these proceedings possess a peculiar interest at the present juncture, as an index to the views of the people of that central district on the great question of the day, a brief synopsis may not prove altogether uninteresting. The meeting was, we are told, the largest and most enthusiastic ever held at Lytton; but as the former of these characteristics may scarcely appear reconcilable with the known numbers of the Lyttonians, it may be as well to mention that upon this particular occasion the population of the town was greatly swelled by persons from the country adjacent, thus evincing the deep interest evoked by the occasion. The immediate object of the meeting was to nominate a candidate for the representation of the District in the Legislative Council. Mr. William McWha having been called to the chair, and Mr. W. Hansel requested to act as Secretary, the following resolution was moved by Mr. R. Smith, ex-member for the District: 'That this meeting nominate and recommend to His Excellency Governor Musgrave F. J. Barnard, Esq., as a fit and proper person to represent the people of this District in the Legislative Council of British Columbia, in place of Henry Havelock, Esq., resigned. This resolution was supported by Mr. Smith in a speech which considerations of space alone prevent our publishing in *extenso*, containing, as it does, many important statistics and practical ideas. As it is, however, we must content ourselves with alluding to a few of the principal points taken by Mr. Smith. He set out by expressing the pleasure it afforded him to nominate a gentleman whose views upon the question of the immediate incorporation of British Columbia with the Dominion of Canada were so strongly in unison with his own and with those of the inhabitants of the District as Mr. Barnard's were known to be. He claimed that an overland railway was an essential accompaniment of Confederation, that

it was, in fact, to be regarded as a national necessity—as the only means of preventing the great Northwest from drifting into the American Republic. The speaker dwelt with much force and intelligence upon the material benefits this colony might reasonably expect to enjoy under Confederation, and concluded with an eloquent peroration, showing that the true route to India and China was through our own Northwest. Great Britain had expended millions of money and sacrificed many valuable lives in trying to discover the Northwest passage. She now has discovered it and enjoys a monopoly of it, if she only possesses the energy to retain and use it. The time might arrive, when Great Britain would want a faithful and strong ally on this continent, John Bull, he said, had been indulging in a comfortable snooze while Uncle Sam had actually cast up a highway across the continent; but the shrill whistle of the Yankee steam-horse had disturbed the slumbers of the old gentleman, who was now thoroughly aroused, and the energy of our neighbors would only operate as a spur.

The motion was seconded by Mr. McInnes in a lively and interesting speech, and upon being put from the chair, was carried by acclamation.

NOT A VERY COMPLIMENTARY STATEMENT IF TRUE.—A late Washington letter contains the following. The first portion of the statement we have heard reported before—the second is new to us:

James Gordon Bennett, jr., son of the canny Scot of the New York Herald, has challenged the Englishers to a yacht race from Kinsale Head to some point at Sandy Hook for a service of plate valued at \$50,000, or merely a set of colors. The Press, with an *esprit de corps* that has blinded them to the young man's merit, have been lavish of praise and have denominated him a 'young gentleman of decided spirit.' Does the 'Press gang' forget the yacht race which took place a few years ago near New York, in which J. G. B., jr. earned for himself the euphonious title of 'Plum Gut Bennett' from the fact that he had men stationed on a narrow neck of land across which his boat was carried instead of going around as did the other boats, thereby winning the race; or the attempt to gain a cheap reputation for bravery by sending the notorious Chevalier Wycoff to a poverty stricken and noted fighting Southerner who was sojourning in New York during the war, with the proffer of a certain sum of money if the Southerner would offer J. G. B., jr. an insult and J. G. B., jr. would then send him a challenge to mortal combat, which of course the fire-eater would refuse to accept. The advantage to accrue to the Southern was the money which it was expended in his needy condition he would do almost anything for, and J. G. B., jr. would make for him a reputation for courage. The result of the negotiation was, the Chevalier Wycoff was kicked down stairs by the needy but honorable fire-eater.

A CHANCE FOR BARGAINS IN CLOTHING.—A. Gilmore, Yates street, near Government, has commenced to sell off his entire stock of ready-made clothing at cost, to close out that branch of his business, as he intends to confine his attention to MERCHANT TAILORING. Garments of every description made to order in the most fashionable styles at greatly reduced prices.

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A. THEAKSTON, Clerk to the Justices.
Victoria, 13th Dec., 1869. de14

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Extract from Medical Times, Jan 10, 1869—Chlorodyne is prescribed by scores of orthodox medical practitioners. Of course it would not thus be regularly popular did it not supply a want and fill a place.

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THOS J FAWCETT, EDWIN DONALD, de11

Attorneys in fact for Mr Thomas Troncoe.

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Schr Black Diamond, Riddell, Nanaimo
Bk Glimpse, Soman, San Francisco
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Dec 13—Stmr Gussie Tellair, Rogers, Astoria
Schr Black Diamond, Riddell, Nanaimo
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In this city, Dec 10th, at 25 minutes past 8 o'clock
Charles Houshous, Esq., Civil Engineer, of London, Eng-
land, aged 53 years, greatly lamented by a large circle
of friends.
The funeral will take place from his late residence, top
of View street, at 2 p.m., on Tuesday next.
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J. P. DAVIES & CO., Wharf street, will sell at
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Later and Important from Peace River
SEVERAL RICH CREEKS DIS-
COVERED.
TWO OUNCE DRUGS OF NO ACCOUNT.
Mr John Mara informs us that while at
Yale on Wednesday, Mr McMicking, the
telegraph operator there, informed him that
he had just received a dispatch from the
operator at Quesnelmouth, which stated
that Butler, a well-known packer, had ar-
rived there that morning from Peace River.
He confirmed previous reports of the rich-
ness of Peace River gold mines and ad-
vised that several new streams have been discovered
20 miles north of Findlay Branch.
These creeks, he said, were highly au-
riferous; and that diggings which paid two
ounces of gold per day to the hand were
passed over, i.e., not thought rich enough
to work because much better diggings were
close at hand.
Butler came down by the telegraph trail.
It really begins to look as though several
new William Creeks have been discovered.
Should these reports be confirmed we may
look for a great business revival in the
Spring.
THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE was submitted
to the U S Congress on the 10th inst. Its
length is about five columns of this journal.
Gen. Grant commences by saying that the
country is blessed with peace at home and
is without entangling alliances abroad or
trouble to forbode. He does not favor the
payment of the national debt at too early a
period, but approves of the gradual redemp-
tion of paper currency and a reduction of
taxation. The state of the treasury is
healthy and shows a large decrease of the
national debt. Respecting Cuba, the Presi-
dent says the struggle has not assumed an
importance that would call for interference
on the part of the United States, or a recog-
nition of the belligerent rights of the in-
surgents. The President declares himself hos-
tile to a reciprocity treaty with Canada, and
says no American producer would benefit
from it if he thinks, though, that there ought
to be a regulation of commercial intercourse
between the United States and the Domini-
on. Upon relations with Great Britain,
President Grant says: "Towards the close of
the last administration, a convention was
signed at London for the settlement of all
outstanding claims between Great Britain and
the United States which failed to receive the
advice and consent of the Senate to its ratifi-
cation. The time and circumstances attend-
ing the negotiation of the treaty were favor-
able to its acceptance by the people of the
United States, but its provisions were
wholly inadequate for the settlement of
the grave wrongs that had been sustained
by this Government as well as its citizens.
The treaty, resulting to the United States by
reason of the adoption by Great Britain
during the civil war, in the increased
rates of insurance, in the diminution of ex-
ports and imports and in other respects to
domestic industry and productions; in its
effects upon the foreign commerce of the
country, in the decrease and transfer to Great
Britain of our commercial marine, in the pro-
longation of our war and the increased
cost, both in treasure and lives, for its sup-
pression could not be adjusted and satisfied as
ordinary commercial claims which continually
rise between commercial nations; and yet
the convention treated them simply as such
ordinary claims from which they differ more
widely in the gravity of their character than
in the magnitude of their amount, great even
as that is."

THE CROWN HOTEL FIRE.—The Magis-
trate was occupied yesterday in hearing the
evidence for the prosecution against Young
and Twigg, under arrest as principal and
accessory to the Crown Hotel fire. Mrs
Annie Cox, and Messrs Bonwick, Wilby,
Lang, Guard and Richards were examined.
Articles of furniture and antiques, and
smelling strongly of coal oil, were brought
out to Court. Mr Wilby was subjected to a
long and rigorous cross-examination by Mr
Drake, but his evidence was not shaken.
Wm Guard swore that he poked a hole
through the side of the hotel near the founda-
tion and found fire coming through. The
case was postponed for the production of
material witnesses until to-day; the pri-
soners were remanded to prison, bail being
refused.
CHANCE.—It is reported that the next
legislation from San Francisco will be the
California; and that the California
will relieve the Gussie Tellair on the Port-
land route. The N. P. T. Co. couldn't
rely on a more efficient method for killing
their profitable trade than has lately sprang
up between Portland, Victoria and Puget
Sound than by putting the California on the
route.

THE annual Licensing Court will meet on
the 23rd inst, at noon.

From Big Bend.
Mr. Mara arrived from Big Bend on Sun-
day. He came across Seymour Mountain on
snowshoes, there being six feet of snow on
the trail. Lakes Shuswap and Kamloops
were not frozen and were crossed in a small
boat. On French Creek, six companies
had worked through the season and made
from \$5 to \$8 a day to the hand. Two of
the companies have bedrock drains and will
work all winter. A company of six men had
prospected Camp Creek and found induc-
ments to encourage them to proceed. The
'49 steamer is partly submerged and will be
raised in the Spring. The weather had been
mild and dry.

FROM THE SOUND.—The steamer Olympia,
Capt Finch, arrived at 7 1/2 o'clock last even-
ing from Puget Sound. Purser Finch and
Capt Waitt kindly obliged us with late pa-
pers. A man has arrived at Seattle pro-
fessedly from Port Hope, B. C., where, he
says, he was attacked by several Indians,
two of whom he killed and escaped. The
story is 'news indeed' here. Messrs Mum-
ford and Gamble were entirely successful at
the ports on Puget Sound. The line will be
maintained. Messrs M. and G., with Mr.
Lamb, have started South. The Seattle
Intelligencer learns that the Portland steam-
ers will not go higher up Sound than Port
Townsend hereafter.

The California papers complain that the
railroad is carrying away more people than
it brings. Laborers, mechanics and servant
'gals' crowd every immigrant train on their
way east. That Pacific railroad is a puzzle.
It has brought down the rates of living and
of labor, created a tight money market and
closed the manufacturing, and now it is de-
populating the State.

The Boston Coal Exchange had advanced
the price of coal to \$10 50 per ton. A peti-
tion, fifty-six feet long, asking Congress to
abolish the duty on coal, is still increasing
several feet a day in Buffalo.
TO CLOSE BALANCES.—J. P. Davies & Co.
will hold a large sale at 11 o'clock this
morning to close balances of invoices. The
goods comprise groceries, clothing, boots and
shoes, wine, dried fruits, &c., and will be
sold on liberal terms.
THE Gussie Tellair came down on Sunday
from Nanaimo and sailed yesterday morning
for Portland. She had a full cargo of Nani-
mo coal and a few passengers.
THE OIL shipped on the Active by Lowe
Bros aggregated 14,000 gallons. It was
sold here at 40 cents per gallon.
THE English papers commend the Presi-
dent's message—which was sent across by
cable—and regard it as favorable to peace.
THE bark Glimpse, eight days from San
Francisco and consigned to Millard & Beedy,
arrived on Sunday morning.
THE RUNY.—This bark has been moved a
few feet by means of a dudge.
THE bark Brontes is ashore on Whitty
Island.

Auction Sales.
J. P. Davies & Co
AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS
CHARTERED SALESMAN FIREPROOF STORE 234
ING, WHARF STREET NEAR YATES.
(Cash advances made on Consignments.)
TUESDAY.
J. P. DAVIES & CO.
WILL SELL
At Salesroom, Wharf street,
THIS DAY
Tuesday, Dec. 14th,
AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.,
GROCERIES,
Clothing and
Furniture.
TO CLOSE BALANCES.

Groceries.
45 mats No 1 China Sugar
121 do China Rice 50lbs
25 cases Poltek Matches, 5 gr ea
10 cases Pale Ale, 6 doz ea
Sweet Oil, Zante Currants
Cigars and Tobaccos
Sperm and Paraffin Candles
10 CASES CHAMPAGNE
3 cases Fine Old Port
Condensed Milk, as-sorted Soaps
10 cases Coal Oil
boxes Scented Soaps, choice
Figs, Smoked Salmon
—ALSO—
15 bbls Soft Shell Almonds
5 Bales Straw Paper
60 boxes and esk Currants
pkgs Hemp Sewing Twine
bxs Smoked Herrings
bgs Table Salt, 50lbs ea
bbls Dried Apples & Peaches
bgs Onions
—ALSO—
100 half boxes Layer Raisins
15 frails Raisins in 8th Boxes
Clothing and Boots.
15 Sample Jackets
6 Business Coats
White, Colored and Wool Shirts
Assorted Hats, styles and colors
PAPER SHIRT COLLARS
3 cases Pegged Calf Boots
pairs Brogues
Baltic and Crimean Shirts
60 pairs assorted Pants
Woolen Shawls and Scarfs
Ladies' Hats
Winseys
Moleskins and Tweeds

Ex Active,
Ex Coquette,
Ex Bark Glimpse.
50 doz Painted Buckets
bales Oregon & Eastern Paper
bundles Sewing Twine
6 Rolls China Matting
1 case 12 gross Wax Matches in wood
boxes
In Bond,
27 Casks India Pale Ale
TERMS.—All sums under \$200 cash;
over \$200 and under \$300, 30 days;
over \$300 and 500, 60 days; over
\$500, 90 days; on approved endorsed
notes.
J. P. DAVIES
Auctioneer.

F. DALLY
Desires to Inform the Inhabitants of Victoria and its
vicinity, that he has returned from the Upper
Country with a Choice Collection of
New Photographic Views
OF
Mountain Scenery and other highly In-
teresting Subjects.
CARTES DE VISITE,
GROUPS
And Views taken with the greatest care and in the best
style of Photographic Art, and warranted to give satis-
faction.
The Gallery is situated on Fort street
VICTORIA, B. C. no 7 8m

Auction Sales.
Lumley Franklin,
AUCTIONEER, COMMISSION &
REAL ESTATE AGENT
BEING TO ANNOUNCE THAT HE HAS
taken the Fireproof Brick Building in Yates street,
nearly opposite Messrs. Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express
office. Having had eleven years' experience in the Auc-
tion business, he respectfully solicits a renewal of public
support. mal3
AUCTION
An Invoice of Goods.
EX ACTIVE.
Specially selected for this Market,
Merchandise,
EX Coquette, &c. &c.
LUMLEY FRANKLIN
Is instructed to sell
At his Salesroom, Yates street
Wednesday, Dec. 15,
AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.,
The following Hardware, Ironmongery
Cutlery, Stationery, clocks, Glass-
ware, Stoves Brushes, &c. mal3
—ALSO—
EX COQUETTE,
60 cases Blue Raisins
300 do Zante Currants
—ALSO—
For acc't of whom it may concern, as are
200 boxes Raisins.
—ALSO—
100 doz Bass' Ale, in prime order
1 hhd Rum
21 Platform Scale
—ALSO—
Previous to sale
A Grocer's Spring Wagon
Grey Mare, 5 years old, and Harness.
—ALSO—
AT 12 O'CLOCK, PRECISELY,
HOTEL PROPERTY at SAANICH.
The "Peterborough Inn," together with
Lease of the Garden Land on which it
stands. The house contains eight rooms and
is situated in the best position for business
in the neighborhood.
LUMLEY FRANKLIN
Auctioneer.

AUCTION.
Mortgagee's Sale of
Real Estate
On Esquimalt Road.
Household Furniture,
Washing Machines.
GRAND PIANO,
HORSE, WAGON, &c.
Lumley Franklin
Is instructed to sell by order of the
Mortgagee,
Friday, Dec'r. 7th,
AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.,
On the premises, Esquimalt, Road,
The Property known as the Euroka
Laundry, including 1 1/2 Acres of Garden
Ground, together with all the Build-
ings thereon. —ALSO—
Two Washing Machines and appur-
tuses complete, 4 Stoves, Household Fur-
niture, Beds and Bedding, Culinary
Utensils, Glass and Earthenware.
—ALSO—
1 Horse, Wagon and Harness.
For Particulars of Mortgagee sale
apply to Robert Bishop, Solicitor,
Victoria.
After the above Sale, at Solleck's
Warehouse, Esquimalt Town, in-
structed by Mrs Cox,
Lot of excellent Furniture, saved
from the late fire, consisting of Tables,
Chairs, Bureaus, Carpets, Whatnots,
Curtains, Cornices, Bedstead, Lounge,
Sofa, &c.
—ALSO—
A Grand Piano and Music Stool.
LUMLEY FRANKLIN,
Auctioneer.

Now Paper Your Houses.
2000 ROLLS
Wall Paper
OF GOOD QUALITY,
JUST RECEIVED AND SOLD AT
12 1-2 Cents a Roll.
JOHN WEILER,
FORT STREET.
REOPENING!
Keyser's
CIGAR AND TOBACCO
STORE.
Government Street, adj. San Francisco Baths.
HAYING REOPENED AT MY ORIGINAL
Stand, 14001 continue to keep on hand a large
Stock of the Choicest Brands of
Cigars and Tobacco,
Meerschaum & other Pipes & Matches.
no 18 1m
A. F. KEYSER.

Auction Sales.
A UCTION
Christmas Sale
Preliminary Notice.
LUMLEY FRANKLIN
Will hold a special Sale of
FANCY GOODS,
Watches and Clocks,
JEWELRY,
Silks, Shawls, Cutlery and Glassware,
Toys, Stationery, Ornamental and
other Goods suitable to
the holidays, on
Wednesday, Dec. 22,
Further particulars of which will
be shortly announced.
LUMLEY FRANKLIN,
Auctioneer.
A UCTION.
BRITISH COLUMBIA & VANCOUVER
ISLAND SPAR, LUMBER AND
SAWMILL CO. (Limited).
To be sold by Auction, by order of
the Mortgagees and with the con-
sent of the Official Liquidators
LUMLEY FRANKLIN
Is instructed by the Mortgagees to
offer for sale by Public Auction
At his Salesrooms, Yates Street,
Monday, Jan. 10, 1870.
AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON,
The Sawmill at Burrard
Inlet together with a
large quantity of extra
Machinery, Gang Saws,
Planing Machines, &c.
now lying at the Mill.
The MILL SITE comprises 243 Acres
of Freehold Land, and the Mill is ac-
knowledgeed to be the best, and capable
of turning out more lumber per day
than any on this coast.

The TIMBER LANDS comprise 15,
000 Acres, 12,000 of which have been
selected and are now being surveyed by
the Government, leaving 3000 Acre
still open for selection. The whole
the Timber Privileges and Freehold
Land, together with various Buildings
erected thereon, will be sold with the
Mill.
—ALSO—
At the same time, by order of the
Mortgagees,
The Powerful and Fast Sidewheel
STEAMER "ISABEL,"
146 Tons Register, 80 Horse Power
(nominal), built in 1866. The strength
and speed of this steamer are too well
known to require any comment. She
was built under special supervision, and
is in every way a desirable and well
found Steamer.
The Auctioneer would beg particu-
larly to call the attention of Capitalists
to the above Property.
Conditions of Sale and Catalogues
with full particulars will be shortly
published and may be had on applica-
tion to
LUMLEY FRANKLIN,
Auctioneer,
Yates Street, Victoria.
DRAKE, JACKSON & AIKMAN,
Solicitors, Bastion Street.
no 14d & wtd
Now Paper Your Houses.
2000 ROLLS
Wall Paper
OF GOOD QUALITY,
JUST RECEIVED AND SOLD AT
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Auction Sales.
A UCTION
BRITISH COLUMBIA AND VANCOUVER
ISLAND SPAR, LUMBER AND
SAWMILL CO. (Limited).
Preliminary Notice.
To be Sold by Auction, by order of the
High Sheriff of British Columbia.
LUMLEY FRANKLIN
Will offer for Sale by Public Auction
AT HIS SALESROOM YATES ST;
Monday, Jan. 10, 1870
AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON,
The Goods and Chattles of the Bri-
tish Columbia and Vancouver Island
Spar, Lumber and Sawmill Company,
Limited, consisting of Planing Ma-
chines, Saws and other Machinery,
now being in and about the Saw Mill
at Burrard Inlet, full particulars of
which will be given hereafter
—ALSO—
The TIMBER LANDS
He'd under Lease from the Gov't,
which comprise 15,000 Acres, 12,000 of
which have been selected and are now
being surveyed by the Government,
leaving 3000 Acres still open for se-
lection.
—ALSO—
The Powerful and Fast Sidewheel
Steamer 'Isabel'
146 Tons Register, 80 Horse Power
(nominal), built in 1866.
LUMLEY FRANKLIN,
Auctioneer,
Yates St, Victoria.
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BRITISH COLUMBIA
ANNO TRICESIMO SECONDO.
VICTORIA REGINÆ.
Municipal Street By-Law.
6TH DECEMBER, 1869.
WE the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Victoria,
British Columbia, in Council convened by virtue of the
power and authority vested in us by Acts entitled "The
Victoria Municipal Ordinance, 1862" and the "The Vic-
toria Municipal Amendment Ordinance, 1869," for the
good government of the City to provide for the regulation
of the Streets thereof:
BE IT ENACTED THAT from and after the pas-
sage of this By-law:
I. No person or persons shall ride or drive through
any of the public streets of the City of Victoria at a pace
exceeding six miles an hour, under a penalty not ex-
ceeding Five Dollars or not more than two days impris-
onment for each offence.
II. No person or persons shall wantonly fire or set off
or discharge any gun, pistol, rifle, squib, crackers,
or fireworks of any kind or description, nor shall wear
or carry on the person any loaded firearms or danger-
ous weapons within the limits of the said City, under a
penalty not exceeding five Dollars for each offence and
the forfeiture of the Weapon so fired off.
III. During the erection or repair of any building or
buildings within the said City no person shall occupy
more than one-third of the width of the street, or fail to
put up a fence round the works and keep proper lights
burning at night in the street near such buildings, un-
der a penalty not exceeding Twenty-five dollars for each
offence.
IV. No person shall throw or cause to be thrown, or
deposit on any of the Sidewalks, Highways, Streets,
Thoroughfares or any Public Place within the City
limits, any Rubbish, Filth, Ashes, Oil, or any kind of
substance, which may be considered a nuisance by the
Mayor and Council aforesaid, under a penalty not ex-
ceeding Twenty-five Dollars or Two Days Imprisonment
for each offence.
V. No person or persons shall interrupt any Highway
or Public Thoroughfare within the City limits, by erect-
ing thereon any Fence, Building, Barricade, or obstruc-
tion of any nature or kind, or by depositing any refuse
or rubbish, under a penalty not exceeding Fifty Dollars
for each offence.
VI. Every person who in any Thoroughfare or Public
Place of the said City shall throw or lay any Dirt, Litter,
Glass, Ashes, Carbon, Fish or Oil or Rubbish, or throw or
deposit any such things to go into any Sewer, Pipe or
Drain, or into any Well, Street, or Watercourse, or put
the same into such a position that it may run into the
Harbor or into any Pond or Reservoir for Water, or cause
any oil or refuse matter to run from any Manufactory,
covered place, whether or not surrounded by a fence or
wall, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Twenty
Dollars for each offence.
VII. Every person who shall empty or begin to
empty any privy or cesspool, within the said City,
within the hours of six in the morning and eight in the
evening, and who shall more along any Thoroughfare
any Night Soil, Soap Lees, Ammoniacal Liquor, or any
other such offensive matter, between the hours of six
in the morning and eight in the evening, and who shall
at any time use for such purpose any cart or carriage not
having a proper covering, or who shall carelessly or
willy nilly stop or spill any such offensive matter in the re-
moval thereof, or who shall not carefully sweep or cleanse
any such place in which any such offensive matter shall
have been placed, spilled or dropped, shall be liable to a
Penalty not exceeding Twenty Dollars or not more than
two days imprisonment for each offence.
VIII. All street Closures within the said City shall be
kept in repair by the owners of the block or property
situated nearest to such crossing as may be reported on
among them by the said Mayor and Council, and any such
crossing may be removed after notice given in that be-
half and when the said Mayor and Council may from
time to time determine and direct in that behalf.
IX. Any person or persons who shall wilfully cut,
hack, carve or otherwise injure or destroy any Bridge
within the City limits, or who shall ride or drive over
any such Bridge at a pace faster than a walk, shall be
liable to a Fine not exceeding Ten Dollars or not more
than Three days imprisonment for each such offence.
X. Any person or persons failing to comply with any
provision of this Bylaw or any part thereof shall be sub-
ject to the penalties therein stated, and such penalties
shall be recoverable summarily by the City of Victoria, the
Peace having jurisdiction within the limits of the said
City and enforceable in the manner prescribed by sec-
tions XXXIX and XL of the "Victoria Municipal Ordinance,
1869," for the recovery of the penalty therein men-
tioned.
XI. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the
"Victoria Street Bylaw, 1869."
Passed the Municipal Council, the 10th day of October,
A. D. 1869. JAMES TRIMBLE, Mayor.
Attest, Clerk of the Municipal Council.
Assented to by His Excellency the Governor, 6th
of December, 1869.
CARDS FOR BUSINESS FIRMS, BILLS
PROMISSORY, at the BRITISH COLONIST Job Printing
Office.—See Specimen Books.

